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WHOLE NUMBER 2004

LARGE NUMBER CLAIM EXEMPTION

Gratnot's List of Men Who Want
to Stay Home is a
Long One

VERY FEW ENTER NO CLAIMS

List of All Examined and Claims
Made is Given in This
Issue.

Following is the list of persons
called into the service of the United
States, not exempted or discharged.
Kelley, Earl Bryan, St. Louis.
Denquansque, John, Chicago, 4611
Lafin.

Harry, Carl Edward, Alma, 703
Michigan.
Valasich, Frank, Breckenridge.
Cook, Alva, Ithaca.
Turban, Leroy, Middleton.
Smith, Lyle, Perrinton.
Brown, Charles E., Wheeler.
Gates, Frank W., St. Johns.
Gibb, Oliver H., Middleton.
Haley, Michael J., Ithaca.
Tinkham, Ralph, Forest Hill.
Breslin, Henry, St. Louis.
Holmes, Guy Cecil, Ithaca R. 4.
VonThurn, Dwight, Alma.
Stitt, Thomas Brooke, Alma.
McLain, Edward, St. Louis.
Adams, Melvin L., Alma.
Sarti, George C., Alma.
Peiffer, Peter Wm., Carson City.
Mayes, Roland Ivy, Alma.
Loudenbeck, Edward, Perrinton.
Sadler, Ernest, Elwell R. 1.
Brock, Dallas D., Alma.
Andrews, John G., Ithaca.
Peterson, Raymond W., Alma.
Baker, Hayden, E., Perrinton.
Kuhlman, Leslie A., St. Louis.
Richey, Burdon, Ithaca.
Crooks, Arthur George, Ithaca.
Short, Joe, Wheeler.
Ford, Hiram J., Alma.
Crites, Ross, Ithaca.
Jozwiak, Ernest L., Alma.
Dunn, George, Breckenridge.
Crum, Ted S., Elwell R. 2.
Johnson, Ward, Alma.
Collison, Roy, Wheeler.
Potter, Wm. St. Louis.
Pino, Austin L., Ithaca.
Hurocharik, Paul, Bannister.
Scramlin, Edwin Ray, Riverdale.
Graham, Edward J., St. Louis.
Marshall, Pit, Ithaca.
Bowen, Roy, Alma.
Gramer, Lewis, Ithaca.
Bywater, Paul D., Riverdale.
Westley, Van George, Alma.
Whitmore, Wm. H., Alma.
Murphy, John Patrick, Alma.
Wise, James Alvin, Pompeii.
Sampson, Frank G., Ithaca.
Carvelink, Frank L., Alma.
Birmingham, Martin P., Alma.
Baltzer, Jacob A., Alma.
Buerge, Roy, Ithaca.
Prochazka, Jerry, Ithaca.
Mellinger, Aubrey, Ithaca.
Novotny, Frank, Bannister.
Wass, Joseph, Bannister.
Searl, Wm. Chaney, Ithaca.
Rummel, Gus, Merrill RFD 1.
Garner, Clayton, Middleton R. 2.
Sawyer, Robert B., Ithaca.
Narek, Frank, Middleton R. 2.
Naolens, Dociel, North Star.
Spangler, Roy, Merrill R. 1.
Hagen, Fred, Breckenridge.
Bradford, Russell R., Wheeler.
Lytle, John S., Breckenridge.
Beshgetoor, Alonzo, Alma.
Hansen, William, Alma.
Watkins, Otis, Elm Hall.
DeClout, Julius, Carson City 2.
Nagel, Emil, Breckenridge.
Collison, Ben, Wheeler.
Bailey, Albert, St. Louis.
Taylor, John R., Alma.
Rassy, Carl Louis, Alma.
Skutumpah, Robt. L., Ithaca R. 1.
Huttenlocher, Gerald C., Alma R. 4.
White, Frank, Alma R. 4.
Pittenger, Cleo M., Alma.
Witherspoon, Byron S., St. Louis.
Kellogg, Lewis F., Hornersville, Mo.
Amon, Roy, Alma.
Hart, Harry E., Ithaca R. 4.
Kennedy, Frank J., Alma.
Coleman, Virgil H., Ithaca.
Reed, Lyle C., North Star.
Mikly, Mike, Ithaca.
Ingemanson, Edwin Eugene, Alma.
Mouser, Harold F., Ithaca.
Wolf, Lewis W., St. Louis.
Crandell, Leland David, St. Louis.
Andrews, Eli Henry, Elm Hall.
Curtis, Alvin, Elwell R. 1.
Dale, Lyman Strong, Alma.
Prolst, William A., North Star.
Smith, Charles A., Alma.
Clark, Edward James, Alma.
Shepard, Ollar Ambros, Alma.
Gallant, Clyde DeWayne, St. Louis.
Brown, Walter Oldfield, Ithaca.
Gleason, Clyde, Bannister.
Baker, Edward, St. Louis.
Hovel, Russell, St. Louis.
Oliver, Robert, Wheeler.
Frayer, William, St. Johns.
Ferguson, Clifton, Breckenridge.
Griner, Forest Paul, Carson City 2.
Smith, William E., St. Louis.
Johnson, Cary, Breckenridge.
Fidler, Glenn, Ithaca.
Rhodes, Alfred, Alma.
Apple, Lehr Edwin, Lansing.

List of those who claim exemption,
and the grounds on which claim
is made:
Marshall, Anna Charles, wife and child.
Stanley Neville Hall, wife and child.
Charles Thomas, wife and child.
Carl A. Gustafson, wife and child.
Leo Munn, wife and child.
Elmer Elsworth Stokerson, wife and child.
Walter E. Harris, wife and child.
Fred Lutz, wife and child.
James Clarence Haskins, wife and child.
Otto Vinton Morris, wife and child.
William B. McConner, wife and child.
Irvin B. Martin, wife and child.
Solomon Kicher, wife and child.
Lewis Heller, son of widowed mother.
Joe W. Kiefer, wife and child.
Clyde Long, wife.
Chas. Greille, Halad, wife.
Leo Stokerson, wife and child.
Levering French Jones, wife.
Chas. Henry Gordon, aged parents.
Arthur A. Warren, wife and children.

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MAKING TRUCKS

Republic Company Has Added Girls
to Force in Plant.

If you should happen to see a
young lady going home in the evening
with a streak of black across her
face, or with her hands covered with
black grease, you can make up your
mind that this young lady is one of
the thirty odd, who are now helping
to make the famous Republic trucks
at the Republic Motor Truck Com-
pany's plant in this city.

Within the past two weeks a
number of women have been put
in the factory, due partly perhaps to
the shortage of labor at the present
time, but perhaps in a larger measure
due to foresight, which sees a
greater shortage in the future, when
hundreds of thousands of young men
of America are called to the army.

These women are given work that
is not heavy, and which they possibly
can do better than men, and if the
experiment proves a success, more
women are almost sure to find posi-
tions at the plant, taking the places
of men who are called away to serve
their country in the trenches of
Europe.

Other plants in this country are
now making the same move, and
thousands of women, the United
States over, are now employed in
making automobiles and trucks.
More will be employed, as the United
States puts forth its full war
strength, and demands more and
more men from the farms and in-
dustries of the country. The women
are doing their bit.

HOME GUARDS.

There will be a meeting of all per-
sons interested in the formation of
the Alma Home Guards, at the city
hall, Tuesday evening, August 21, at
7:30 P. M.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting Called for Aug-
ust 24 to Consider Site Pur-
chases.

Notices are out calling for a special
meeting of the legal voters of the
school district No. 1, fractional, Ar-
cadian and Pine River to be held Fri-
day evening, August 24th, for the
purpose of voting on the purchase of
two new school sites, and the voting
of the money for a new temporary
school, for which the city has a great
need, because of its most rapid
growth, and other small sums for
school purposes.

The board has been going over the
matter very carefully and has de-
cided that a site in Elmwood sub-
division, out East Superior street, near
plant three of the Republic Motor
Truck Company, Inc., and a site in
the old Fairground sub-division, out
Michigan avenue, the site in Elm-
wood sub-division, consisting of six
lots can be secured by the school
board for \$1,200, and the site in the
Old Fairground sub-division, eight
lots can be secured for \$2,500.

The board will ask for an appropria-
tion of \$3,000 for the construction
of a temporary school to be lo-
cated upon the Elmwood sub-division
site, and for \$900 with which to equip
the building on the site.

An appropriation of \$1,000 will be
asked with which to purchase the
equity of the old fractional district
No. 2, Arcadia and Pine River, in the
school which was used by this dis-
trict. The school will be moved to
the old Fairgrounds site and used
there as a temporary school.

NEW SUB-DIVISION.

Riverview is the name of a new
sub-division which has been placed
upon the market, with Blakely &
Ward as selling agents. This tract
of 100 choice lots lies on South State
street, and fronts on the south bank
of Pine river, around which River-
side drive winds.

It is the only sub-division in the
city with a river frontage. Two
houses are to be built on this sub-
division very soon. It is an attrac-
tive, close in sub-division.

ANOTHER RACE MEET.

There will be another race meet at
the City View sub-division in St.
Louis Saturday afternoon, August
25th, with no admission charges. In
connection there will be another sale
of lots. The affair last Saturday was
a success, and it is reported that
a large number of lots were sold.

Geo. M. Cohan in "Broadway
Jones"—Idlehour soon.—Adv.

SUBMIT ELECTRIC LINE FRANCHISE

Council Voted Tuesday Night
to Submit Proposition to
Local Voters

SEEKS EXTENSION OF GRANT

Marcus Pollasky Wants Thirty Full
Years and Needs Ten Year
Extension.

At a special meeting of the city
council held Tuesday evening, it was
voted to submit to the electors of the
city, at the special election to be held,
Friday, August 31st, the matter of
extending street railway franchise,
granted under ordinance 66 to Mar-
cus Pollasky, for a period of ten
years from September 3rd, 1917.
This would make the life of the fran-
chise 30 full years.

This franchise was granted to Mar-
cus Pollasky by the city council
about ten years ago, and owing to
the panics of 1907, nothing could be
done in regard to the matter. Mr.
Pollasky told the council Tuesday eve-
ning.

In his remarks before the council
Mr. Pollasky called attention to the
new power plant here, and gave the
council to understand that it would be
able to furnish all the power that
would be required to operate such a
street railway in addition to supply-
ing the wants of its patrons, and that
this would greatly facilitate the work
of getting a street railway.

Later Mr. Pollasky in a talk with
the Record reporter, mentioned the
old franchise which had been granted
to him in St. Louis and Ithaca and
said that the councils in the two places
would take the same action in re-
gard to the franchises there, as the
Alma council took.

Under the terms of the old ordi-
nance, Mr. Pollasky explained he
would be compelled to start the rail-
way within two years, the time being
set in the ordinance.

The ordinance also designates the
streets on which the street railway
may be operated and empowers the
council to permit the operation on
such streets as it may from time to
time designate.

The voters of the city of Alma will
have a chance to express their opi-
nions on the matter, at the special
election to be held Friday, August
31st, when they will also vote on
three bonding issues totaling \$120,-
000.

GET COMMISSIONS

Alma Men Named as Officers at Two
Training Camps.

Four of the young men who went
from Alma to Fort Sheridan to the
officers' training camp received com-
missions and the one lone young man
who went to Fort Benjamin Harrison,
also received a commission.

Attorney James A. Greene, former-
ly city attorney of Alma, received a
commission as first lieutenant at Fort
Sheridan, the highest office that was
awarded to any of the men who went
there from Alma. The others are
new second lieutenants.

These are Mark L. Spiney, son of
city attorney J. D. Spiney, former
high school and Alma college athlete;
Lewis J. Sarvis, of Alma college, de-
bater and member of the college Al-
manian staff last year, Emmet J.
Hoolihan, the well known Alma col-
lege football, basketball and base
ball star and Floyd Smith, former
high school athlete and Alma college
debater. Merritt Miller, the only
Alma man to go to Fort Benjamin
Harrison, was also honored with a
commission as second lieutenant.

Only two of the young men from
this city failed to get commissions.
Sarvis is a second lieutenant of the
second company, infantry section of
officers reserve corps. Spiney and
Hoolihan are second lieutenants of
the seventh company, infantry section
of the officers' reserve corps. Greene
is a first lieutenant of infantry in the
National Army, and will probably be
on the battle field of Europe before
the other young men.

GOOD ADVERTISING.

The Alma Development Company,
Limited, is taking its second page ad-
vertisement in two weeks, to bring
before the people of Alma, the work
which it expects to do in this city in
the way of developing sub-divisions,
and building homes for homeowners.

The Southview Land Company car-
ries a half page for the second week,
calling attention to its sale of fine
lots near the board of trade's fac-
tory sites in the south part of the
city.

The concerns who are out for the
business recognize the value of the
advertising columns of the Alma
Record and are using them more and
more in bringing their bargains be-
fore the people of Alma and vicinity.

LOST.

Pink Silk Sweater, July 26th. A
liberal reward given if returned to
Masonic Home. 04-11-c.

BANANA AS FOOD

It is an Important Factor in World's
Economy.

With the increased cost of living,
owing to the proportionately decreas-
ing food supply, the banana comes
forward as an important factor in the
world's economy. While its use as a
food is limited in this country, al-
most entirely to its consumption in a
raw state, in localities where it
grows it is frequently fried or baked,
and is also used for making flour
confections, etc.

Placed in a closed barrel and al-
lowed to ferment, bananas produce an
excellent vinegar, while from the
ripe fruit a delightful cordial is ob-
tained. Dried ripe bananas are said
to be superior to fish, weigh only
about one-ninth as much as the
bunches, and occupy correspondingly
less space in shipment. In other
words, the banana has many kinds of
food value as yet but little known in
the country which consumes the
most.—Mobile Item.

CROWDER LAYS DOWN NEW DRAFT LAWS

Need of the Country Will be
Placed Before the Need of
Individual in Taking Men.

Renewed emphasis has been laid
upon the fact that Congress framed
the army draft law in the interest of
the nation, not of the individual. For
that reason the lines are being drawn
tightly in the matter of exemptions.

The Government has acted slowly
in bringing home to the people the
rigid character of the Draft act.
There has been much discussion of
the exemption problem, based on an
erroneous view of the law's purpose,
which assumed that married men, for
instance, would be exempted without
question, and that the burden of mili-
tary duty was to be carried fully by
the single men among the 10,000,000
registered.

General Crowder has taken the po-
sition in recent rulings that married
men will be exempted only when it is
to the interest of the Government
that they should be excused from
service. If the removal of the draft-
ed man from his family circle prob-
ably would result in the family be-
coming a public burden, it is to the
interest of the Government to leave
him in his civil occupation, so as to
care for his dependents.

An interpretation similarly rigid
has now been placed upon exemptions
for industrial reasons. The Govern-
ment has taken the lead in scrutini-
zing closely individual cases among
its employees before asking that they
be exempted.

District boards throughout the
country have been instructed to make
the Government's action their guide
in dealing with claims for exemption
of men in private employment. An
employer seeking exemption for a
man he considers indispensable must
make a showing in regard to that
business. Circumstances of employ-
ment must be stated and reasons given
as to why it would be impossible
to replace the registered man with
another, not of military age, or with
a woman.

Reports to the Provost Marshal
General have indicated plainly that
wholesale attempts to evade the draft
through the dependency clause of the
regulations are in progress in many
places. The additional cautions sent
to district boards in regard to indus-
trial exemptions, it is hoped will
forestall similar attempts when that
stage of proceedings is reached.

GOOD PLANT

Symons Brothers & Company Will
Make Alma Plant Big One.

The Alma Record has endeavored
to secure all possible information in
regard to the Alma plant which the
Symons Brothers & Company, whole-
sale merchants expect to build here
and two letters from this company
indicate that the Alma plant will be
a large one.

It was stated last week that the
company operated a plant in Lansing,
but information received is to the ef-
fect that the company has plants on-
ly in Flint and Saginaw and that the
Alma plant will be third large whole-
sale grocery.

The Record has been given to un-
derstand that the plant to be erected
here will not be a branch house, but
will be a complete wholesale grocery
and a model institution of its kind.
In the words of Symons Brothers,
"We confidently expect to make this
one of the largest jobbing houses of
the state of Michigan, and something
that will be a credit to the fastest
growing city in the U. S."

Information as to the size of the
building to be erected and the number
of people to be employed is not ob-
tainable yet, but the Record hopes to
give this information within the next
couple of weeks.

The company has already applied
for membership in the Alma Board of
Trade.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heart felt
thanks to the kind friends for the
many kindnesses shown us during
our recent bereavement and also ex-
press our appreciation for the beau-
tiful flowers and kind words of the
minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kauffenberger.
04-11-p.

QUEER STUNTS IN TRAIN WRECK

Long Freight on Pere Mar-
quette Ran Into Open Switch
and Raised Havoc

TRAFFIC HALTED ON TWO ROADS

Car Was Sent Crashing Through
Plant of the Alma Grain &
Lumber Company.

A Pere Marquette freight train, of
unusual length, was wrecked here Fri-
day morning and tied up both the
Ann Arbor and Pere Marquette rail-
roads for some hours, besides sending
a freight car crashing through the
building of the Alma Grain & Lum-
ber company on East Superior street.
The freight was a through freight,
and was pulling through this city at
a good rate of speed, when it hit an
open switch on the sidetrack leading
to the loading docks of the Alma
Grain & Lumber company's plant.
The train smashed into a number of
freight cars on this siding, and one
standing at the loading docks was
sent crashing through the brick wall
of the building.

The wall was smashed out neatly,
only enough being taken out to allow
the car to go through the wall. The
platform in front was smashed out,
and the car stopped, when about
half of its length was protruding
from the front of the structure.

The train which reached from the
Grain & Lumber company's plant,
west beyond the Union depot, was not
badly wrecked, but at the foot of
State street, where the two railroads
cross, a freight car was badly smash-
ed, and laid across the junction point
of the two roads and also partly on
the depot platform, blocking traffic
in great style for some hours. It was
said that a couple of young ladies
were coming down the depot platform
from the depot, when this car piled
up, and that they barely escaped be-
ing hit by the wreckage.

Every little way, the entire length
of the train, drawers of the freight
cars were smashed out, and a few
cars were partly wrecked.

It took the greater part of the day
to clear up the tracks so that the
trains on the two roads could proceed
to their destination.

A portion of the depot platform
was damaged by the wreck at this
point, but has been partly repaired
and the rest, a portion of the fence
around the depot park, will soon be
fixed up.

The newest film novelty—"Motey
Comedies," Idlehour Saturday—Adv.

DODGE AGENCY

Agency for Dodge Automobile
Opened Here.

Recognition of Alma as a thriving
community that gives promise of big
opportunities in the automobile field,
has led Dodge Brothers to establish
representation here, with Gratnot
Motor Sales Co. as the newly appoint-
ed dealer. Mr. Naumes, Prop., has
just been notified that he now has
the exclusive selling rights in this
territory.

The remarkable popularity of the
Dodge Brothers Motor Car has
caused automobile men all over the
country to clamor for sales privi-
leges, but Dodge Brothers policy of
quality in selling methods as well as
quality in car, requires a painstaking
investigation in every instance before
a selection is made. In Mr. Naumes,
Dodge Brothers have a dealer on
whom they believe they may rely for
both progressiveness and fair busi-
ness methods.

An idea of the popularity of Dodge
Brothers Motor Car may be gained
from the fact that within 28 months
after the first car was turned out, the
aggregate sales had exceeded \$110,-
000,000.

This is a record without precedent
in the motor car industry. It is re-
garded as a striking testimonial to
the high regard in which the name
"Dodge Brothers" was held by the
public even before they marketed a
motor car bearing this name. Prior
to that time Dodge Brothers had built
the vital parts for more than a half
million other cars, establishing a rep-
utation for thoroughness and mechan-
ical skill.

This reputation has been more than
upheld. It is said of Dodge Brothers
in explanation of their unusual suc-
cess, that they spare no money or ef-
fort in building a car to suit their
particular ideas of thoroughness in
manufacture. What their ideas on
this subject mean to the purchaser of
their product may be imagined from
the fact that they have a staff of
more than 750 inspectors who do no-
thing but check up on workmanship
in the various processes of manufac-
ture. In addition there are several
large departments devoted entirely to
similar work, such as the physical
and chemical laboratories where
raw and finished materials are sub-
jected to tests so thorough as to leave
no doubt of the quality.

Geo. M. Cohan in "Broadway
Jones"—Idlehour soon.—Adv.

PASSED IT UP

No Vote On Commission Government
Until Spring.

Although reports have been cur-
rent that the city council has been
considering the commission form of
city government for Alma, it can
safely be said, following Tuesday
night's adjourned session, that the
proposition has not yet been consid-
ered, and will not get to a vote at
the special election August 31st. A
great amount of work is needed on
the proposition and the council decid-
ed it would be better not to rush it,
and hold over a vote on it until the
spring election.

City Attorney J. D. Spiney has
given the proposition as great amount
of study and had been in hopes of
getting his material in shape for
submission to the council, but the
press of the matters coming at the
special election was so great that ev-
erything was not in the best of shape.
He advised that the council go slow
on the work and have it right, rather
than take hurried action and possi-
bly come up against a stone wall
somewhere.

The council agreed with Attorney
Spiney and the matter did not even
get to a serious consideration, and as
a result Alma will not vote upon this
proposition before next spring.

In the meantime City Attorney
Spiney and the council will devote a
great amount of time to thrashing
out the details of the proposition, so
that everything may start off smoth-
ly, if the voters of the city decide
next spring that they want the com-
mission form of government for Alma.

The newest film novelty—"Motey
Comedies," Idlehour Saturday—Adv.

ELECTRIC COMPANY WILL HAVE GREAT PLANT HERE

Plant That Is Being Built for
the Central Michigan Light
& Power Co. a Fine one

The new plant which is being con-
structed on the north bank of Pine
river, in the western part of the city,
promises to be the best constructed
plant of which the city boasts, as
the can readily see on paying a visit
to the property of the concern. The
building will contain no wood except
the doors and door casings.

The company is now planning on
spending more money on the building
than had been intended at the start.
Two turbines are to be installed,
which necessitates a larger structure,
and the estimate cost of the plant is
now being placed at \$250,000. The
building is to be 60x80 feet and two
stories in height.

A massive concrete base is al-
ready in place. This is composed en-
tirely of re-inforced concrete. A car-
load of steel, 300 yards of gravel and
2,200 sacks of cement were used in
making the base, which is practically
indestructible. The base goes down
into the ground a distance of fourteen
and one-half feet. Flumes for the
intake and exhaust run through this
concrete base, which are to be fitted
with gates and grates, so that they
cannot be clogged.

The walls of the building are to be
constructed of brick and tile and will
reach over 40 feet into the air. The
roof of the building will be of re-in-
forced concrete, supported by large
re-inforced concrete eye beams. With
the exception of the doors and
sash, there will be no wood in the
building. Even the window frames
are to be of steel, making the struc-
ture fire-proof.

Work is just being started on a
large chimney, which will be 150
feet in height. At the base the chim-
ney will be twenty-two feet square.
It will be built entirely of concrete,
re-inforced. It is estimated by Nel-
son Fullerton that it will take 300
yards of gravel and at least 1,300
sacks of cement to make the chimney,
besides about a carload of steel.

The work is still far from being
completed, very little so far having
been done, except to build the base
of the structure, but it is expected
that the work will go rapidly forward
now, and that the building will be
completed and the plant in operation
by Thanksgiving. When completed it
will give Alma one of the finest and
most modern power houses in the
state.

MARRIED TUESDAY

Well Known Alma Couple United by
Rev. Brownlow.

Miss Cora Isham, and Mr. S. Van-
cor, both well known young Alma
people were united in marriage Tues-
day afternoon by Rev. T. G. R.
Brownlow.

Following the ceremony the bride's
parents gave them a reception and
wedding luncheon, at which covers
were laid for twenty-five guests. Af-
ter the luncheon, they left amidst a
shower of rice, for a short honey-
moon trip, which will take them to
Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

They will be at home to their
friends after September 1st at 215
Lincoln Ave.

Mrs. Vancore is a daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Giles Isham of this city, and
Mr. Vancore is a son of Mr. and Mrs.
Ed Vancore. Both young people are
held in high esteem by a large circle
of friends here.

ELECTION SET FOR AUGUST 31

City Will Vote on Three Bond-
ing Propositions Totaling
\$126,000.00

HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO ALMA

Watermain Extensions, Sewer Ex-
tensions and Paving Are
The Issues.

The City of Alma will vote on three
bonding propositions, Friday, August
31st, the city council passing resolu-
tions to this effect last Friday night,
one day, after it had been expected
that this would be done.

The bonding propositions are for
municipal improvements, and the
three call for the bonding of the city
for a total of \$126,000.00, which is
needed by the city immediately to
make improvements of which Alma is
in great need.

Of this amount \$40,000.00 will be
the sum asked in one of the bonding
propositions, this being the estimate
of the share that the city will have to
pay for the needed improvements of
the sewers and the extension of
others. This proposition, relating as
it does to the health of the commu-
nity, and its cleanliness cannot but be
considered the most important of the
three propositions. It is expected to
construct sewers or sewer extensions
on nearly a hundred streets, if the
proposition is passed by the voters
of the city.

The second proposition is the
bonding for \$10,000.00 for the con-
struction of paving on East Superior
street from Euclid avenue to the
Pere Marquette crossing at Grover
avenue, and the paving of Bridge
avenue from East Superior street to
Michigan avenue and for the paving
of West Superior street, west from
the railroad crossing to a point past
the college.

The third proposition is for the
bonding for \$76,000.00 for the ex-
tension of mains. This also is highly
important to the